

8.203-2

Certificate (see 8.203-2 following), in solicitations that contain the clause at 52.208-1, Required Sources for Jewel Bearings and Related Items, except those for research and development.

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8.203-2 Offeror's certification.

(a) The provision at 52.208-2 requires the offeror to (1) certify as to whether or not jewel bearings and/or related items will be incorporated into contract end items, (2) accept certain purchase requirements, and (3) attach an estimate of the jewel bearings and related items required. While failure to submit the certificate set forth in the provision with the offer does not make the offer nonresponsive, the contracting officer must obtain the certificate before award.

(b) The contracting officer shall annotate any affirmative certificate from a successful offeror with (1) the number of the contract awarded that offeror, (2) identification of the contract administration office cognizant of that contract, and (3) the date of award. The contracting officer shall forward one copy of the certificate and the attachment it calls for to the Plant and one copy of the certificate and attachment to the cognizant contract administration office. The Plant will compare the attachment with actual orders and notify the contract administration office of any serious discrepancies.

(c) The contract administration office shall review contractor records and require corrective action, if necessary, if (1) the Plant informs it of serious discrepancies between certifications and orders or (2) the contract administration office believes that there is noncompliance with the clause at 52.208-1, Required Sources for Jewel Bearings and Related Items.

8.203-3 Declination or rejection of orders.

(a) The Plant may initially decline to accept a contractor's or subcontractor's order because of the customer's current excessive and overdue indebtedness to the Plant. The Plant's declination under these circumstances is not in itself justification for (1) a waiver

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er of the requirement to purchase from the Plant and (2) adjustment in the contract price. If the contractor or subcontractor disagrees with the Plant as to this indebtedness, the contracting officer may require the Plant to accept the order and to make shipment on a cash-on-delivery (c.o.d.) basis.

(b) Rejection of orders by the Plant—or by any other domestic manufacturer—for reasons other than those in paragraph (a) above shall not provide relief from the requirement to purchase from the Plant or other domestic manufacturer, unless the contracting officer determines that such relief is in the Government's best interest. The contracting officer shall evaluate the impact of the rejection and make an equitable adjustment in the contract price, in the delivery schedule, or in both, if one is warranted.

Subpart 8.3—[Reserved]

Subpart 8.4—Federal Supply Schedules

8.401 General.

(a) The Federal Supply Schedule program, directed and managed by the General Services Administration (GSA), provides Federal agencies with a simplified process for obtaining commonly used supplies and services at prices associated with volume buying. Indefinite delivery contracts (including requirements contracts) are established with commercial firms to provide supplies and services at stated prices for given periods of time. The schedule contracting office issues publications, titled Federal Supply Schedules, containing the information necessary for placing delivery orders with the contractors. Ordering offices issue delivery orders directly to the schedule contractors for the required supplies or services.

(b) Ordering offices may request copies of schedules by completing GSA Form 457, FSS Publications Mailing List Application, and mailing it to the GSA Centralized Mailing List Service (7CAFL), P.O. Box 6477, Fort Worth, Texas 76115. Copies of GSA Form 457 and the GSA publication titled "Federal Supply Schedule Program Guide" may also be obtained from the above